



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

TODD P. GRAVES

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

MAY 25, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE 100 KILOS OR MORE OF MARIJUANA

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was sentenced in federal court today for possessing with intent to distribute in excess of 100 kilograms of marijuana.

Marco Antonio Armenta-Mejia, 38, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 19, 2004, **Armenta-Mejia** pleaded guilty to charges contained in an Aug. 27, 2004, federal indictment. By pleading guilty, **Armenta-Mejia** admitted that he was possession with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana on Aug. 15, 2004, in Greene County, Mo.

Armenta-Mejia also admitted that he illegally re-entered the United States after having been previously deported following a conviction for an aggravated felony. **Armenta-Mejia** was found in Greene County on Aug. 15, 2004, after having been deported following a conviction for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

